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### Florida Academic Repository (FLARE) Print Archiving Network Update

The **FL**orida **Academic RE**pository (FLARE) is the statewide shared collection of low use print materials from academic libraries in Florida. By establishing this centrally housed collection, the Council of State University Libraries (CSUL) provides new options for sharing the costs and effort of long term retention of low use library materials. Under the FLARE memorandum of understanding, the materials designated under this agreement will be retained and made available as long as the need for them exists, thereby allowing participants to consider withdrawing duplicates of these items from their campus collections and to rely with confidence on access to the centrally retained copies. Eventually FLARE will be housed in an environmentally controlled, carefully inventoried and secure high density facility (HDF) located in Gainesville, operated by the George A. Smathers Libraries at the University of Florida (UF) on behalf of the participating libraries. Until construction is complete, FLARE will be housed in a leased Interim Library Facility (ILF) and in the UF Libraries Auxiliary Library Facility (ALF), both of which support appropriate environmental and security conditions. In addition to the libraries in the 12 State Universities and the University of Miami, partners in FLARE will include libraries of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida and the Florida College System.

#### **FLARE News & Activities:**

- We have prepared an updated budget proposal to The State University System of Florida Board of Governors (BOG) for \$18M for 2015-16 and \$8.7M in 2016-17 for the Joint-use Library Storage Facility
- A separate budget proposal was submitted to the State University System of Florida Board of Governors (BOG) for \$3.5M to fund shared academic resources for 2015-16—included in this amount is \$1.1M to fund operating costs of FLARE
- New HDF-style shelving (12' height vs. full 35' height) purchased for second building at ILF
  - Increases capacity in both buildings from 1.1M to 1.5 M volumes
- Anticipated transfers from U. Florida, U. Central Florida, Florida State Univ., and U. Miami in 2015
- Progress on existing transfers:
  - Processing/traying, U. Miami transfer (151,262 volumes): completed
  - Processing/traying, U. Florida Science periodicals (154,000 volumes): 85% complete
  - Processing/traying, U. Central Florida collection (107,000 volumes): began December 2014, anticipated completion December 2015

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- FLARE collection accessible (<http://union.discover.flvc.org/ux.jsp>)
  - Approximately 2.2M volumes total in storage
  - 811,875 items accessioned YTD
- Government Documents cataloging project continues
  - New webpage (<http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/sccu/Index.aspx>) and libguide (<http://guides.uflib.ufl.edu/sccu>) for this project
  - Total cataloged: 260,000 items (est. 380,000 items remaining) (<http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/sccu/Index/ProjectsStatistics.aspx>)
  - Ingested 49,604 Government Documents into FLARE in 2014
  - Policies and procedures updated to ensure continued public access to those materials
    - 80 items supplied to patrons since moving in July 2014
- Began delivering materials via ILL (OCLC symbol: FLARE, activated November 2014) and U Borrow (statewide unmediated borrowing program)
  - 7 filled ILL requests from November - December 2014
  - 649 filled U Borrow requests 2014
  - Expanding policies beyond state partners and the Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL)
  - Exploring RAPID ILL as another option for filling requests
- Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL) software:
  - The Western Regional Storage Trust (WEST) will join ScholarsTrust (ASERL) and the Florida Academic Libraries in the Journal Retention and Needs Listing (JRNL) in the summer of 2015
    - WEST represents the fourth shared print program to choose JRNL to facilitate shared print activities
  - Currently, over 13,000 journal titles loaded in JRNL
- Full text of policies addressing collection materials and environment, physical and intellectual access, and operating cost assessments is available at <http://csul.net/node/774>.

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